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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND CONCURRENT REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 18, 2009, please consider amendments and remarks contained on the following pages. Accordingly, with a request for a three-month extension of time, this response is being timely filed on or before November 18, 2009.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.